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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 47, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In more detail, Figure 3 is the complete nucleotide sequence (SEQ.ID.NO.1) of the *E. coli gulT* gene with the deduced amino acid sequence (SEQ.ID.NO.2) shown below the nucleotide sequence. The primers used for the isolation of the gene by PCR are shown with arrows indicating the 5' to 3' direction.--

